

In the specification:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

C/ This application claims the benefit of and hereby incorporates by reference in their entireties U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. ~~(to be assigned)~~ 60/180,816, "Method for Improving Performance of Web Content Delivery," filed February 7, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. ~~(to be assigned)~~ 60/188,601, "Method for Improving Performance of Web Content Delivery," filed March 10 9, 2000.